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April 3, 2006

STEPHEN FINLEY 12606 SE 30TH #3 BELLEVUE WA 98005

Subject: Complaint filed against David Irons, Jr. – PDC Case No. 06-298

Dear Mr. Finley:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff has completed its investigation of your complaint received December 5, 2005 alleging that David Irons Jr. failed to deposit contributions to his 2005 campaign for King County Executive within five business days of receipt.

PDC staff reviewed the complaint in light of the following statute:

RCW 42.17.060 requires all contributions to be deposited in the campaign depository of a candidate within five business days of receipt.

You alleged that David Irons Jr. failed to deposit 579 contributions to his 2005 campaign for King County Executive within five business days of receipt.

We found that:

- Mr. Irons included multiple deposits occurring over several days on many of his 2005 campaign C-3 Reports.
- The PDC's electronic filing software requires the user to enter the date of receipt for each contribution listed on a C-3 report, and then to indicate with one entry the date the contributions were deposited. The deposit dates listed on many of Mr. Irons' C-3 reports were not accurate because the reports listed multiple deposits occurring over several days, and the report showed the latest date of deposit.
- The earliest contributions listed on many of Mr. Irons' C-3 reports were deposited before the date of deposit listed on the report.
- Mr. Irons stated that he filed multiple C-3 reports on the date the reports were due, and did not understand that a C-3 report should include only one deposit, or that the electronic filing software would show a single deposit date for all contributions on a single C-3 report.

• There was no evidence that contributions were held by the Irons campaign for more than five business days before being deposited, or that combining multiple deposits on C-3 reports resulted in those deposits being reported late.

The 2005 Irons campaign was in substantial compliance with reporting requirements. Thus, no enforcement is warranted. The campaign has been advised to file a separate C-3 report for each deposit in future elections.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against David Irons, Jr. Mr. Irons is being notified of this dismissal by separate letter.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie

Executive Director